



BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Buplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"
--Sir Walter Scott--



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RON FISHER WINS KREMLIN!

Congratulations to Ron Fisher on a very quick win in our fourth game of KREMLIN. We'll try to start another game immediately if all the players are amenable. If not we'll accept standby orders to fill to six players. If we can't get a quorum of 4, we'll cancel and run something else, DUNE or TITAN most likely. By the way, official clarifications and errata for TITAN can be found at Reference 1.

The MACHIAVELLI game looks to end soon, and if we don't initiate another, I'd like to replace it with DIP or a variant. So far we have Fisher, Shackleford, Copeland, and Gossman for DIP, O'Hara Anderson, Boyum, and Copeland for COL DIP, and R Fisher and K Wilson for BALKAN WARS.

For what it's worth I got an "A" on my Environmental Planning course, so it looks like all the angst and sweat that went into the paper and the final were rewarded (or it was overkill). Now if I can just get ahead on this last course on international environmental policy so I'll have time to kick out the next three issues on schedule.

GAME OPENINGS:

KREMLIN: There may be openings in the new game. Just send in your notional IP allocation and I'll send along your card draw. You may then revise your IP allocation up to the deadline.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "Brave men are a city's strongest tower of defense." -- Alcaeus

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: Peter Boyum has moved and changed e-address too. Alan Bargender and Sven Vasseur have changed their e-addresses. See pp 18-19

BOOS & KUDOS

This month's Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) goes to Peter Boyum for his dispatch to Turkey in "Boris XVI".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Suds Bomb is lobbed at Boris for losing DWTK orders.

REFERENCES:

1. <http://wolff.lorlitan/errata.html>

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CST 7 FEB 03



MIRKWOOD: The Russian Southern Front has been shattered. It looks like it's the Russians and French against the Brits, the Germans and Italians against the French, and the Brits, Austrians and Turks against the Russians. This is surely temporary as the French can't afford to let an Italian fleet into the Atlantic and the prospect of three Turkish fleets behind him will surely give Italy pause.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

AUSTRIA (R Fisher): A Vie S A Bud, A Ser S TUR A Bul-Rum, F Gre H, A Bud S TLR A Bul-Rum;

ENGLAND (Morrison): [A Fin-Swe], F Nwg S F Nth-Nwy, F Ska S F Nth-Nwy, F Nth-Nwy;

FRANCE (Boynton): [A Spa-Mar], [A Bur S A Spa-Mar], F Mid-Irl, F Mar-Lyo, A Pte S A Bur;

GERMANY (Anderson): A Den S RUS F Swe, A Ruh S F Bel, F Bel S-A Kie-Hol, A Kie-Hol, [A Mun-Bur], F Bal S A Den;

ITALY (K Wilson): A Tun-Naf, [A Pie-Mar], F Ion-Tun, F Tyn-Wes;

RUSSIA (Fowble): A Gal S A Rum, [A Rum S F Sev](r-??), [F Sev S A Rum](d), IF Swe S F Navy, A Sip S F Nwy, [F Nwy S F Swe](r-??);

TURKEY (Nichols): F Bls S A Arm-Sev, A Bul-Rum, A Con-Ank, A Arm-Sev.

Orders in brackets fall otb = off the board, r-?? = must retreat somewhere. See map at <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/tarot/mindex.html>

Russian A RUM must retreat otb or to UKR. Russian F NWY must retreat otb or to BAR.

SUPPLY CENTERS:

AUS: Bud Trl Vie Ser +Gre	(5) Build 1
ENG: Edl Lon Lpl Nwy	(4) Even
FRA: Etr Mar Par Por Spa	(5) Even
GER: Ber Kie Mun Bel Den Hol	(6) Even
ITA: Nap Ren Ven Tun	(4) Even
RUS: Mos Sev StP -Sev -Rum Swe	(4) Tear 1 *
TUR: Ank Con Smy Bul +Rum +Sev	(6) Build 2

* If Russia retreat either A RUM or F NWY otb, is even. If both retreated otb, then Build 1.

Due next time: Your orders for Winter 1902/03 and for Spring 1903 and Press.

EMBASSY BEAT

France to Germany: Quit whining. I'm still in France.

France to Italy: Quit whining. I'm still in France.

France to Austria: You'd cried wolf once too often my sleek-jawed friend. I'm still in France. Get yourself a fresh Depends undergarment and try not to soil yourself again.

France to Turkey: I would take it as most kind if you would refrain from suggesting that a mutual acquaintance of ours head west. Italy needs to face you my Whirling Dervish. It is you who covets Italy's backside. I beseech you to explain yourself to the Italian Prince. My Suburban Turban, I suggest that you stay in Constantinople.

France to Russia: Good day, my Blushin' Russian. Do something good for me.

Germany to France: First, you trounce me in Britannia, and now this too. Your treachery goes deeper than I thought...

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Summer 1528

ERRATA: Turkish A Spo-PerI failed.**RAGNOCITTA:** Ducats flowed freely as two units changed allegiance and a third melted away. The land rush for the vacant French lands is on and will probably decide the Question.**TROOP MOVEMENTS:**

Venetian F LA retreats to RAG.

FLORENCE (Cole, 23d): F IS C A Luc-Sav, F Pisa-Pio; A Luc-Sav, A Mod H, G Gen -A, F Pio-TS, A Arz S A Flo, A Flo S A Sie, A Sie S A Flo.**FRANCE** (McConnell, 0d): No units;**PAPACY** (K Wilson, 31-27d): Spends 6d to disband G Rome then 21d to buy Turkish A ROME, A Per-Spo, (G Per -A)sc, A Rome S A Per-Spo;**TURKEY** (Scott, 0d): (A Rome B)sc, F Anc H, (F Pat S A Rome B)nsu, (A Spo S F Anc)r-???, (F Ott-LA), (A Alb S F LA-Rag)nsu, F IS-CM, A Dal-Her, (F LA-Rag), G Anc S F Anc, (G Alb H)nsu, (F TS S A Rome B)nsu.**VENICE** (Vassour, 18-9d): Spends 9d to convert PAP G Per to autonomous garrison. A Cre-Man, (F Rag S A Her-Alb), A Tyr-Swi, A Bol-Urb, A Mil-Pav, A Carin-Sla, A Her-Alb, A Par-For, F UA C A Urb-Cro, A Aus-Tyr, A Uro-Cro, A Fer-Bol, A Ver-Carin, F Fri S F UA.**AUTONOMOUS:** Per

Orders in brackets fall; b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, nc = not controlled, nsu = no such unit, nth = nothing to besiege, oth = off the board, otm = on the move, r-?? = must retreat to ???, u = unordered.

Turkish A LA must retreat oth or to AQU, or CAP.

Due next time are retreats and orders for Fall 1528 and Press. Ms Nor craves Press.

EMBASSY BEAT

Pope in exile in Perugia to the infidel Turk: Christandom arises to smite the soulless hordes. The French Church and Court provide funds to begin the retribution. In fear of their immortal souls, forces of the Sultan convert to Christianity and Rome is liberated! Now let the real fun begin!

Venice-France: You can run but you can never hide...

Venice-Papacy: Of course you have my full support. Your Honour My forces will clean up Italy from Ottomans.

Venice-Florence: Us against the Turkish menace?

Venice-Turkey: Please take no offence.

Florence: Now if the other opposing powers on my borders will be kind enough to disband all their units as well...

CIRCUS MAXIMVS

A Game Of
Circular Races

LL WW
T- M-
D D
M G
R R

They Are Off!

Lane	Color	Driver (CDM/DH)	Cart	Whip	Wheels	Team	End	Speed	D/E
1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	10/10	5435	40	18	3/3
2	Green	Josephus (+2/9)	L	Y	10/10	7447	33	24	3/3
3	Purple	Leadfoot Leertes (+1/7)	M	Y	10/10	6335	52	18	3/3
4	Yellow	Davidius Detroit (+2/6)	L	Y	10/10	4444	74	18	3/3
5	Orange	Maximus Gladious (+0/7)	M	Y	10/10	7436	40	20	3/3
6	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	10/10	7545	27	23	3/3
7	White	Minnesota (+1/7)	M	Y	10/10	7536	36	21	3/3
8	Red	Rufus Magnus (+2/7)	H	Y	10/10	5324	30	16	3/3

Faction	Color	Aqua	Blue	Green	Orange	Purple	Red	White	Yellow	Cash
R Fisher	Green	100	500	5000	500	100	200	500	500	2600
O'Hara	Red	0	0	0	0	0	10000	0	0	0
Dave A	Yellow	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	1000	0
York	Orange	0	0	0	5000	0	0	0	0	5000
Copeland	Blue	0	5000	2000	0	0	0	0	0	3000
Kanne	White	0	200	300	0	0	100	900	200	6300
Hogan	Purple	0	0	0	0	10000	0	0	0	9700
Eveland	Aqua	200	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	4600
Coconuts		100	2000	2000	500	100	100	500	100	

TURN 1

Sprinticus (Copeland): 23-6, whip (-4 END). Ahead 21.

Rufus (O'Hara): 16-2, no whip. Ahead 9, in 1, ahead 3.

Minnesota (Kanne): 21-4, no whip. Forward 10, in 3, ahead 1.

Josephus (R Fisher): 22-4, no whip. Ahead 5, out 1, ahead 12.

Davidius (Dave A): 18-5, whip (3, -3 END) Ahead 14, out 1, ahead 1.

Leadfoot (Hogan): 18-2, no whip. Ahead 14, in 1.

Whiplash (Eveland): 18-2, whip (5, -5 END). Ahead 20, out 1.

Maximus (York): 19-4, no whip. Ahead 12, out 1, ahead 2.

See map at: <http://hometown.sol.com/MsNer/maps/CM5.gif>

Odds	Color	Driver (CDM/DH)	Cart	Whip	Wheels	Team	End	Speed	D/E
4-1	Purple	Leadfoot Leertes (+1/7)	M	Y	10/10	6335	49	18	3/3
4-1	Red	Rufus Magnus (+2/7)	H	Y	10/10	5324	30	16	3/3
5-1	Green	Josephus (+2/9)	L	Y	10/10	7447	33	24	3/3
6-1	Blue	Sprinticus Rex (+2/8)	L	Y	10/10	7545	23	23	3/3
8-1	Orange	Maximus Gladious (+0/7)	M	Y	10/10	7436	40	20	3/3
21-1	Yellow	Davidius Detroit (+2/6)	L	Y	10/10	4444	74	18	3/3
32-1	White	Minnesota (+1/7)	M	Y	10/10	7536	36	21	3/3
120-1	Aqua	Whiplash Willie (+1/6)	M	Y	10/10	5435	35	18	3/3

ERRATA: Paris has VAI, not Barcelona (P +\$6, H -\$6).

THE CAST: (In Tebreak Order)

London (McCabe): \$109, 15C, 4K, 150M, Gal-6
Paris (Frueh): \$113, 16C, 1K, 150M, ON-1
Genoa (Copeland): \$72, 10C, 7K, 125M, Gal-6
Hamburg (Debbie A): \$92, 8C, 4K, 80M, Gal-6
Venice (Hannah): \$93, 11C, 4K, 100M, Gal-6
Barcelona (Buttilia): \$97, 10C, 4K, 90M, SV-10

ADVANCES

A,E,F,H-J,N,O,R,V,X
 A,C,E,F,I-K,N,O,R-T,V,X
 A,E,F,N,O,R,V,W
 A,B,F,I,R
 A,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,W
 A,F,I,N,O,R,S,V

There are surpluses in Wine and Metal.

5.7: Bid Phase

V bids 4t. B bids 8t. L bids 15t. H bids 21t. P bids 28t. G bids 29t.

6.3: Card Play Phase

V (4t) plays "Stone" (V +\$16, P +\$4, H,L +\$1) & "Alchemist's Gold" on L (L +\$47).
 B (8t) plays "Spice" (B&P + \$32), Stone (V +\$16, P +\$4, H,L +\$1), Marco Polo (\$40 rebate, \$5 protection).
 L (15t) plays "Ivory/Gold" as Ivory (+\$160) and "Gunpowder".
 H (21t) plays "Charlemagne" (\$10 protection) and "Longbow".
 P (28t) plays "Leonardo Da Vinci" (\$12 protection).
 G (29t) plays "Caxton" (820 rebate, \$10 protection), "Black Death" on Area III, and "Rebellion" in LYD. P has insufficient tokens in stock to cover the reductions. He may a) use some of his bid tokens, b) remove some already placed T, or c) leave the market vacant.

THE CAST: (In Turn 6 Order)

Hamburg (Debbie A): \$63, 6C, 4K, 80M, Gal-6
Venice (Hannah): \$121, 11C, 4K, 100M, Gal-5
Barcelona (Buttilia): \$161, 10C, 4K, 90M, SV-10
London (McCabe): \$208, 14C, 4K, 150M, Gal-6
Paris (Frueh): \$113, 8C, 1K, 150M, ON-1
Genoa (Copeland): \$53, 10C, 7K, 125M, Gal-6

ADVANCES

A,B,F,I,R
 A,E,F,I,J,N,O,R,W
 A,F,I,N,O,R,S,V
 A,E,F,H-J,N,O,R,V,X
 A,C,E,F,I-K,N,O,R-T,V,X
 A,E,F,N,O,R,V,W

THE BOARD:

B: C @ Alex, Alg, BAR, Basq, Fez, Grn, Lts, Tol, Tre; JT @ Bart, Tou.
 G: C @ Bel, Con, Cyp, Flo, GEN, Mar, Smy, Sue, Tun; IT @ Ada.
 H: C @ Dan, HAM, Kie, Lub, Nov, Rig; IT @ Col, Cop, Kaf, Mal, Mit, Pra, Smo, Ste, Whi.
 L: C @ Ber, Cal, Che, Edi, Ioe, LOY, Por, Sev, Sic, Sto, Tri, WAf, Wat, Yor; JT @ Arm, Corn, Kon, She, StM, Wal.
 P: C @ Acr, Alep, Bar, Chi, Cre, Dub, Salo, Ven; IT? @ Ath, Basl, Bru, Bud, Dij, Dur, Gal, Jer, Lev, Lyo, Nur, PAR, Str, Tur, Vie.
 V: C @ Ang, Erz, Mil, Mon, Nap, Pott, Rom, Sar, Tan, Var, VEN.

Due next time are orders for Turns 6.4 (Purchase), 6.5 (Expansion).

Your cards (Karte) are:

CEGEMD: c = white circle, C = colored circle, K = carda, M = misery, ML = misery level, t = white token, T = colored token

See <http://hometown AOL.com/manar/maps/Cyning.gif> for map



BRITANNIA

"Egbert"

Turns XII & XIII



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson Green: Dave Anderson Purple: Chuck Hanna Red: Peter Boyum

Board

R-Bs (0.5): 2A @ Moray.

Welsh (0): 2A @ Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Chwyd, Devon, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd.

Picts (0): 2A @ Alban; 1A @ Mar.

Caledonians (1.5): 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (1): 2A @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March; 1A @ Pennines.

Scots (2): 2A @ Strathclyde.

Norsemen (2): 4A @ Dalriadic; 2A @ Galloway; 1A @ Caithness, Orkneys, Skye.

Dubliners: 2R @ Irish.

Danes: 6A, Bros, 2R @ North; 4R @ Fristan.

Saxons (0.5): 6A, Egbert @ York; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Downlands, Essex, Kent, Lindsey, Lothian, Norfolk, S Mercia, Suffolk, Wessex.

SCOTC: Red 65.5, Purple 63, Green 43.5, Blue 31

TURN XII

SAXONS to All: The Saxons remain steadfast and true. They fight to the death. The Great Danes will be known henceforth as the Lesser Danes. Bernicia remains in Saxon hands. Long live Saxon England!

Danes: 1st Wave: 2A North-Bernicia (4.1:5; 3:5 -2 Danes), 2A North-Fristan-Suffolk (6.2:4 -1 Saxon), 1A Fristan-Suffolk-N Mercia, 1A North-Fristan-Lindsay (5.5 -1 Dane & 1 Saxon), 1A, 2R, L North-York, 2R North-York (5+1,4+1,4+1,2,2:6+1,6+1,5+1,4+1,4+1,3 -5 Danes & Bros, -3 Saxons). Danes score 4 VP. Saxons score 3 VP for killing Bros.

SAXONS: The stalwart Saxons await the second wave of rape and pillage. The Lesser Danes shall be vanquished! Long live Saxon England!

2nd Wave: 2 armies Suffolk to Lindsay. Score 2 VP.

Saxons (0.5): Grow 9.5. Egbert dies. Add 1A @ York, Norfolk, S Mercia. Place Alfred @ York. 1A Norfolk-Lindsey, 3A(L York-Lindsey (6.4+1,2,2:5.3; 6,5+1,5+1:1 -2 Danes, -1 Saxon), 1A Downlands-Sussex, 1A @ S Mercia-Suffolk.

SCOTC: Red 68.5, Purple 63, Green 49.5, Blue 31

TURN XIII

The Saxons are King (+4 VP) and get an extra A @ York.

SCOTC: Red 72.5, Purple 63, Green 47.5, Blue 31

R-Bs (0.5): Grow 0.5 pp, 2A Moray-Skye (5.4:2; 5.4:1; 6.6:1 -1 Norseman).

Welsh (0): Grow 4.5 pp. Add 1A @ Powys & Gwent. Hold.

Proposes concession to Red. Concession fails.

Picts (0): Grow 1 pp. Hold.

Caledonians (1.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

Irish (1): Grow 3.5 pp. Add 1A @ Hwicce. 1A Hwicce-Downlands.

Scots (2): Grow 1 pp. Add 1A @ Strathclyde. 2A Strathclyde-Dunedin.

Norsemen (2): Grow 2 pp. Add 1A @ ...

SCOTC: Red 72.5, Purple 63, Green 49.5, Blue 31

Board

R-Bs (1): 2A @ Skye.

Welsh (1.5): 3A @ Powys; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Cornwall, Clwyd, Devon, Dyfed, Gwynedd.

Picts (1): 2A @ Alban; 1A @ Mar.

Caledonians (2): 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (1.5): 2A @ Cheshire, Hwicce, March; 1A @ Downlands, Pennines.

Scots (0): 2A @ Dunedin; 1A @ Strathclyde.

Norsemen (1): 4A @ Dalriada; 2A @ Galloway; 1A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

Dubliners (0): 5A, 2R @ Irish.

Danes (0): 2A @ North, 1A @ N Mercia.

Saxons (1): 3A, Alfred @ Lindsey; 2A @ York; 1A @ Avelon, Essex, Kent, Lothian, Norfolk, S Mercia.

Suffolk, Sussex, Wessex.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = leader, pp = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, * = in melee, # = attack by/against cavalry

See map at: <http://hometown.aol.com/MsNar/maps/Egbert.gif>



Source of the Nile

Turn 11



The Cast:

Dan Farrow (dropped)

Jason Bargender

Ron Fisher (dropped?)

Andrew York

Don Chinnery

D&D Anderson

Press:

Dear Hortis,

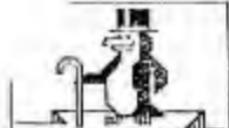
We here in the swamp again. Found some new friends along the way. Still 'Marching to Mombasa' or is that "Praying to get to Pretoria"???. It's been such a long journey. Engleentine sends her best and the 5,000 word essay that you requested. She has LOTS of time on her hands ever since the guide died. Toodle pip, Emelious.

Please also note that Alan's new email address is: alannmb@ptd.net

MR Pilkington Royal Botanical Society Expedition (Ron): Publishes G3 (jungle, river from 1 to 5), F3 (jungle, river from 1 and 3 to 4), E4 (jungle, river from 3 and 6 to 4), D3 (lake +38 acres), G4 (jungle, river starts and runs to 6), S4-4 (the Afagbegge) in F3, S49 (the Ndukuwe) in E4.

Published: DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (feldt, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (feldt, river from 5 to 4, cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (feldt, river from 1 to 2) and tribe L11 (the Mpahatlele) in Z13.

Positions still available for fearless explorers.



Errata: I've done a complete audit (see <http://hometown.sol.com/prboldue/boris/tindex.html>), so a lot of cash figures have changed some.

PLAYER STATUS: (*) = Prez

Fruh: \$488, 4 CA*, 1 LPS, 1 GW, 1 GT
 Butcher: \$168, 5 GT*, 4 CV* (Priority)
 Butitta: \$285, SCFTC, 5 WR*
 Zieske: \$343, 6 LPS*, 1 CV
 Hanna: \$350, 6 GW*, 2 LPS

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Prez	Price	Par	IOPool	Loans	Escrow	Cash	Trains	Tokens
LPS	PZ	E125	90	0	1	5	...	264	334
WR	JB	A100	100	5	0	1	0	180	4
CA	MF	D90	80	5	1	4	80	042	4
GT	TB	F80	65	2	1	6	...	354	3
CV	TB	E80	70	5	0	2	0	010	4
GW	CH	G70	65	2	1	7	...	383	33

SR 6

Butcher buys 1 CV (\$70 to escrow).

Butitta buys WR (\$100 to escrow).

Zieske sells 2 LPS and 1 CV (+\$330, CV falls to F75). Buy Prez share of THB @ \$100/share (\$200 to THB).

Hanna sells 2 LPS (+\$250). Buys Prez share of BBG @ \$100/share (\$200 to BBG).

Fruh sells 1 GW & 1 GT (+\$150) buys Prez share of TGB @ \$100/share (\$200 to TGB).

Butcher buys CV from IO (\$70 to escrow).

Butitta buys 1 GT from IO (\$65 to GT).

Zieske, Hanna & Fruh buy 1 BBG (\$300 to BBG).

Butcher passes. Butitta sells 1 GT (+\$80) and buys 1 CA (\$80 to escrow).

Zieske buys 1 BBG (\$100 to escrow).

Hanna buys 1 TGB (\$100 to TGB).

Fruh sells 1 BBG (+\$100, BBG to B90) and buys 1 TGB (\$100 to TGB).

Butcher & Butitta pass. Zieske sells 2 BBG (+\$180, BBG to D75), buys 1 TGB (\$100 to TGB).

Hanna sells 1 TGB (\$100), buys 1 THB (\$100 to THB).

Fruh buys 1 TGB from IO (\$100 to TGB).

Butcher & Butitta pass. Zieske buys 1 TGB (\$100 to escrow).

Hanna sells 1 THB (+\$100, THB to B90), buys 1 BBG from IO (\$100 to escrow).

Fruh buys 1 TGB (\$100 to escrow).

Butcher & Butitta pass. Zieske sells 2 TGB (+\$180, TGB to D75), buys 1 THB (\$100 to THB).

Hanna buys 1 BBG from IO (\$100 to escrow).

Fruh buys 1 TGB (\$100 to escrow).

Butcher & Butitta pass. Zieske buys 1 THB (\$100 to THB).

Hanna buys 1 BBG from IO (\$100 to escrow).

Butcher & Butitta pass. Zieske buys 1 THB (\$100 to THB).

Fruh sells 1 TGB (+\$75, TGB to E70), buys 1 CA (\$80 to escrow).

All pass. Butcher retains the Priority. LPS & GW both must redeem a loan in OR 6.1.

PLAYER STATUS: (*) = Prez

Fruh: \$33, 5 CA*, 1 LPS, 5 TGB*
 Butcher: \$28, 6 GT*, 6 CV* (Priority)
 Butitta: \$120, SCFTC, 6 WR*, 1 CA

Zieske: \$183, 4 LPS*, 5 THB*

Hanna: \$0, 6 GW*, 6 BBG*

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp	Prez	Price	Par	IO Pool	Loans	Escrow	Cash	Trains	Tokens
LPS	PZ	E125	90	0	5	6	...	264	334
WR	JB	A100	100	4	0	1	100	160	4
CA	NF	D90	80	3	1	4	160	042	4
THB	PZ	B90	100	4	1	0	100	500	-
GT	TB	F80	65	1	3	6	---	419	3
CV	TB	E80	70	3	1	2	140	010	4
BBG	CH	D75	100	1	3	0	400	500	-
GW	CH	G70	65	2	2	7	---	383	33
TGB	NF	E70	100	1	4	0	400	500	-

The Bank has \$10,000.

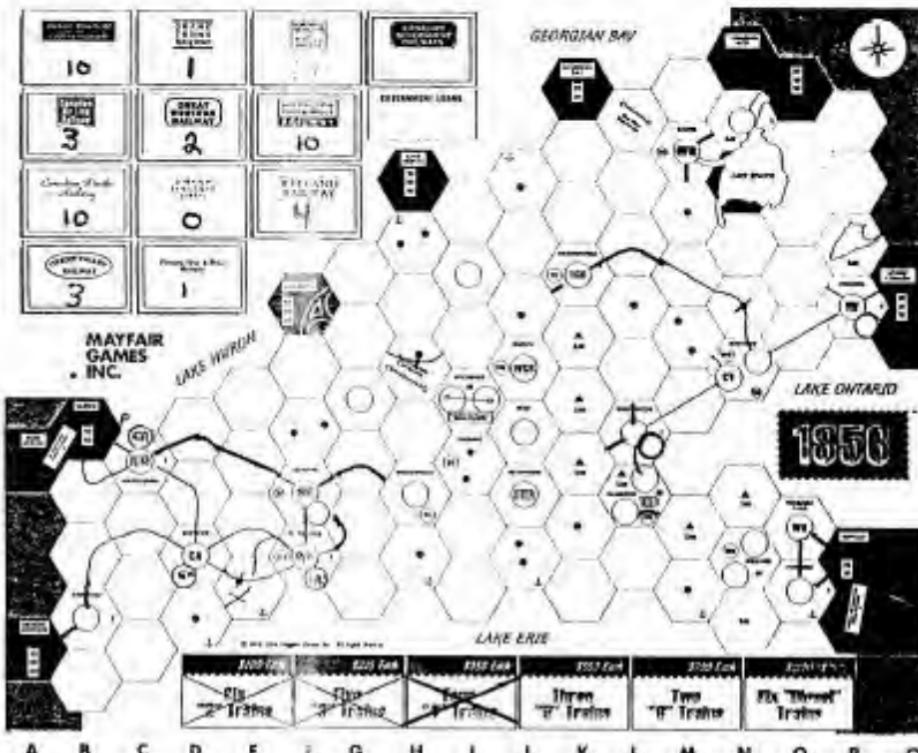
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AVAILABLE TILES:

Yellow: #1(1), #2(1), #3(3), #4(3), #5(0), #6(1), #7(5), #8(7), #9(9), #55(1), #57(3), #58(1), #69(1)

Green: #14(1), #15(1), #16(1), #7(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(1), #23(4), #24(4), #25(1), #26(1), #27(1), #28(1), #29(0), #59(1), #12(1)

Due next time: Orders for ORs 6.1 & 6.2. Butcher has the Priority.





1835

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Back to ØR 4

Player Status (* = Direktor)

Fisher: 302 M, #1, #3, #6, 1BY, SX

Hanna: 81 M, L-D, 4 SX*, Braun

Butitta: 56 M, #2, PB, 2 BY, SX <Zug>

Butcher: 170 M, 4 BY*, Hann, OB

Zieske: 194 M, #4, #5, 3 BY

CORPORATION STATUS:

Corp Dir	Price	IO Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1 RF	--	--	60	2	H2
#2 JB	--	--	165	2	E19W
#3 RF	--	--	75	2	F14
#4 PZ	--	--	90	22	G5
#5 PZ	--	--	75	2	E19N
#6 RF	--	--	90	2	C11
BY	TB	D94	0 1	325	222+2+
SX	CH	D88	4 0	525	H16 (yet to operate)

ØR 4 (revised!)

Corp Tile Lay	Token	Earn	Dv	Trains	Price	Notes
SX: #5/H16(e) & #9/G17(sw)	H16	--	--	+2+,+2+,+3	D84	al

a) -424M, Phase Change. Green Tiles available, one track lay per turn by Majors.

ØR 5

Butitta sells 2 BY (+188M, BY to E90), buy 1 SX (-88M to SX).

Butcher & Zieske buy 1 BY (-90M each).

Fisher & Hanna pass. Butitta buys 1 SX (88M to SX).

Butcher passes. Zieske buys 1 BY (-90M).

All pass. Fisher has der Zug. BY is sold out so rises to D94.

ØR 5.1

Privates pay Butitta 15 M, Hanna 45M and Butcher 40 M.

Corp Tile Lay	Token	Earn	Dv	Trains	Price	Notes
#1 #203/H3(nw)	--	40	20	2	--	
#2 #209/E19(nw)	--	70	35	2+3	--	-180M
#3 #205/F10(w)	--	70	35	2	--	
#4 #14/G5(sw)	--	80	40	22	--	
#5 ----	--	70	35	2	--	
#6 #5B/B14(e)	--	60	30	2	--	
BY #8/O13(e)	--	190	19	222+2+	D102	
SX #9/F18(sw)	E19	130	13	2+2+3	D88	-60M

Player Status: (* = Direktor)

Fisher: 419 M, #1, #3, #6, 1BY, SX <Zug>

Hanna: 178 M, L-D, 4 SX*, Braun

Butitta: 157 M, #2, PB, 3 SX

Butcher: 215 M, 5 BY*, Hann, OB

Zieske: 184 M, #4, #5, 3 BY

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Corp Dtr	Price	IO Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
#1 RF	--	--	100	2	H2
#2 JB	--	--	30	23	E19
#3 RF	--	--	110	2	F14
#4 PZ	--	--	90	22	G5
#5 PZ	--	--	115	2	E19
#6 RF	--	--	120	2	C11
BY TB	D1020 0	0	328	222+2+	O15, L14N, H20
SX CH	D88 2 0	0	224	2+2+3	H16, E19

The Bank has 9,730 M.

Trains available: 33.3+3+3+444.4+55.5+66.6+6+5+6+

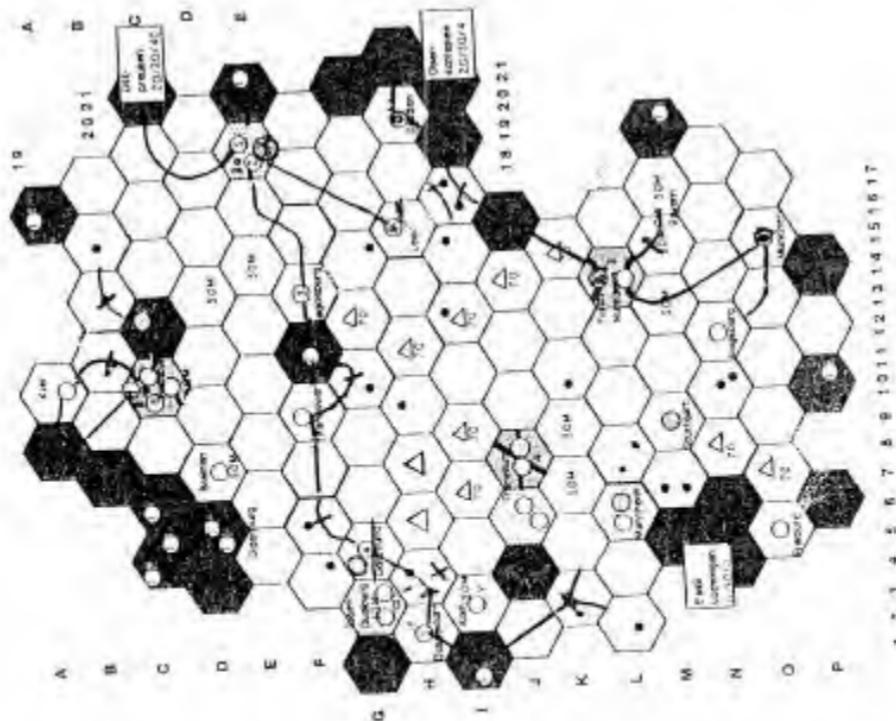
Titles available:

Yellow: #1(0), #2(1), #3(1), #4(3), #5(2), #6(1), #7(8), #8(11), #9(5), #55(1), #56(1), #57(2), #58(0),
#69(11), #201(1), #202(0)

Green: #12(2), #13(2), #14(1), #15(2), #16(2), #18(1), #19(2), #20(2), #23(3), #24(3), #25(3), #26(2), #27(2), #28(2), #29(2), #87(2), #88(2), #203(1), #204(2), #205(0), #206(1), #207(2), #208(2), #209(0), #210(1), #211(1), #212(1), #213(1), #214(1), #215(1)

Press: ByE will sell "Z" train to highest bidder (minimum 70M).

Due next: Orders for OR 5.2 and SR 6. Fisher has der Zug.



Down with the King

Another Wedding!

Turns 6 & 7



Turn 6.5:

Sir James becomes the Monarch's Counselor himself.

Wedding: Knight James intrigues "Pardon" from Margaret. Countess Mary intrigues "Port Guards" from Knight James.

The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Knight Jeffrey (#23*), 2 IP, 12/-2 PP, 12 cards, #51, #24(MC), #61*(engaged)

A. Bargender: Knight James (#22, MC), 6 IP, 19/8 PP, 10 cards, #52(H), #34, #12(H).

Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 3 IP, 28/4 PP, 12 cards, Philip, #46, #54, #31, #53.

Fowble: Sir Robert (#16/62), 3 IP, 19/15 PP, 12 cards, #13(H), #21, #11.

York: Countess Mary (#64), 6 IP, 16/1 PP, 12 cards, #42(H), #63(H), #55(H).

The Cabinet:

Monarch: King George (30 Support)

Navy: Lord Arthur (#36),

State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ja

Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Je

Epalin: Sir Donald (#21), Re

Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja

City States: Sir Richard (#14)

Consort: Queen Catherine

High Minister: Duke Henry (#43)

Army: Earl Francis (#33)

Justice: <Vacant>

Besyzan: Sir Michael (#15)

Cronos: Sir Drew (#11), Ro

Treasury: Duke Roland (#42) H Ma

Turn 7:

1. Player order is: Robert, Margaret, Mary, Jeffrey, James.

2. Justice Ministry is vacant.

3. Political Problems: Treason & Conspiracy Trials, the new Justice will try to resolve. Monarch's support is 30±10.

4. Crown Event: 4 - Famine.

5. Player Turns:

We halt here for these three reasons:

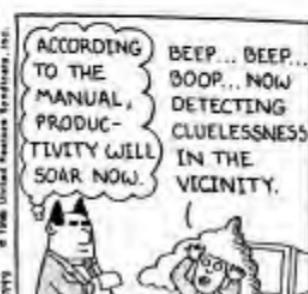
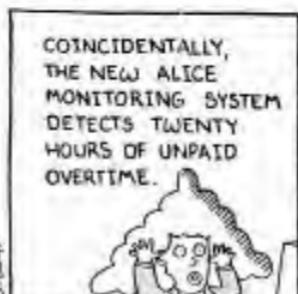
1. I can't find orders for Mary, Jeffrey, and Robert.

2. Ms Nar has been abed all day and isn't available to make dice rolls.

3. It's late Thursday night, so there is no time to try to get y'all to resend

Due next time are a resend of your Turn 7 orders.

In case you've forgotten, Sir Jeffrey and Vickie will wed in Turn 7. Your loyalty chit was #_____, your Opportunity Chit was _____, and your Event Card was _____.



KREMLIN INFLUENCE SHEET

CODE POLITICIAN	AGE	(+)	(-)	INFLUENCE POINTS	YEAR 3	YEAR 6	YEAR 9
		STRONG	WEAK				
A. Nestor Aparatschik	80	KGB	Sport				
B. Lech Schukrutow	75	Economy	Defense				
C. Alexej Goferbrook	74	Defense	KGB				
D. Petr Niewitko	73	Industry	Foreign				
E. Karel Krakemheds	72	Economy	Foreign				
F. Andrej Purgemoff	71	Defense	Economy				
G. Diwan Palavrian	70	Sport	Ideology				
H. Nikolai Shoostmededsky	69	Industry	Defense				
I. Anatol Mischif	68	KGB	Defense				
J. Antonij Talksalott	67	Ideology	Economy				
K. Eduard Boremtolev	66	Foreign	Sport				
L. Igor Doberman	65	Sport	Foreign				
M. Sergei Eatsumuch	64	Defense	Sport				
N. Boris Karrienko	63	Foreign	Ideology				
O. Oleg Satin	62	Ideology	KGB				
P. Iwan Manjak	61	Economy	Industry		-	-	-
Q. Tigran Zenjarplan	60	Foreign	KGB				
R. Turi Nikotin	59	Industry	Sport				
S. Ludmilla Patina	58	Foreign	Defense				
T. Mikail Strychnin	57	Ideology	Industry				
U. Wassily Protzky	56	Defense	Ideology				
V. Natasha Nogoodnik	55	Economy	KGB				
W. Leonid Bungaloff	54	Sport	Industry				
X. Boris Badenoff	53	Sport	Economy				
Y. Uljan Possehnik	52	KGB	Foreign				
Z. Viktor Wasolin	50	KGB	Economy				

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KREMLIN

SCHRUKUTOV WAVES!

RBF WINS!!



THE CAST (in Table Order):

Cary Nichols: Re-Education Deployment Society (REDS), 1 cards
 Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 2 cards, 2 WAVEs
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 2 cards
 Warren "Goz" Goenle: Sneaky, Treacherous, Annoying Bastards (STAB), 2 cards
 Kevin Wilson: Red Army Ministry of Subversion (RAMS), 2 cards
 Dave Anderon: Dying Anarchists (DAL, 2 cards)

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Schrunkutov (B)	C20	83+	RBF 8, RAMS 6, DA 2
KGB Head:	Palavrian (G)	74+	STAB 10, REDS 9	
Foreign Minister:	Strychnin (T)	63+	RAMS 4, TCC 3, DA 1	
Defense Minister:	Eastumuch (M)	65w+	RBF 10, TCC 9, DA 3	
Ideology Chief:	Satin (O)	62w+	DA 7	
Industry Minister:	Nogoodnik (V)	61+O	REDS 8, RBF 7	
Economy Minister:	Niewitko (D)	73+	REDS 7	
Sport Minister:	Shootemadesky (F)	70w+		
Candidates: EFIKN			People: JLPQRSUWYZ	
The Wall: A			Siberia: CX	

3.6: REPLACEMENT PHASE: None.

3.7: REHABILITATION PHASE: None.

3.8: PARADE PHASE: Schrukutov ages 1 SP to 84, then stands "2" hours and waves! RBF wins! Game over!

PRESS:

TCC to STAB: I played that card early, and forgot that I had done so. It was the only way I could hit at RBF..... so I took it.... got your notice, but didn't get a look at the game to see what I needed to change....

Due next are end of game statements. Mr Nichols has suggested we play again, same sides. If all are willing, here's the initial set-up. Your initial IP allocation and orders for Turn 1, Phases 1-3.

NEW POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Aparatchik (A)	80+
KGB Head:	Nogoodnik (V)	55w
Foreign Minister:	Zenjarplan (Q)	60s
Defense Minister:	Wasolin (Z)	50
Ideology Chief:	Palavrian (G)	70w
Industry Minister:	Goferbrook (C)	74
Economy Minister:	Doberman (L)	65
Sport Minister:	Purgemoff (F)	71
Candidates: KMNRW		People: BDEHIJOPSTUXY

LEGEND: s = strong, w = weak, + = sick, ++ = ill, ? = under investigation, C# = card # remains as a bribe, O = Taking the Cure.

Your Cards:

Cast: Mike Fisher (F) · James Kanne (S) · Rick Coupland (C) · Debbie Anderson (A)

ERRATA: Fisher has 3 Grain and 4 Wool.

14.4 (A): (7) Moves Robber to c3 and steals wool from K.
15.1 (F): (2) No collections. Trade 2 Wool for 1 Lumber; trade 2 Grain for 1 Brick. Build settlement @ f3/g2/g3 (-lgw).
15.2 (E): (6) Plays Knight and moves Robber to H, stealing wool from F. A collects 3 lumber & C collects 1 lumber from d5. F collects 1 lumber from e2.
15.3 (C): (8) F collects 3 wool & C collects 1 wool from f3. Trade 3 wool for 1 ore.
15.4 (A): (10) K collects 3 wool and F collects 1 wool from c3. Thief prevents collection at f4. Build settlement @ e5/d5/d7 (-blow).

Proposed trades: None.

Inventory/Summary (Roster at b2)

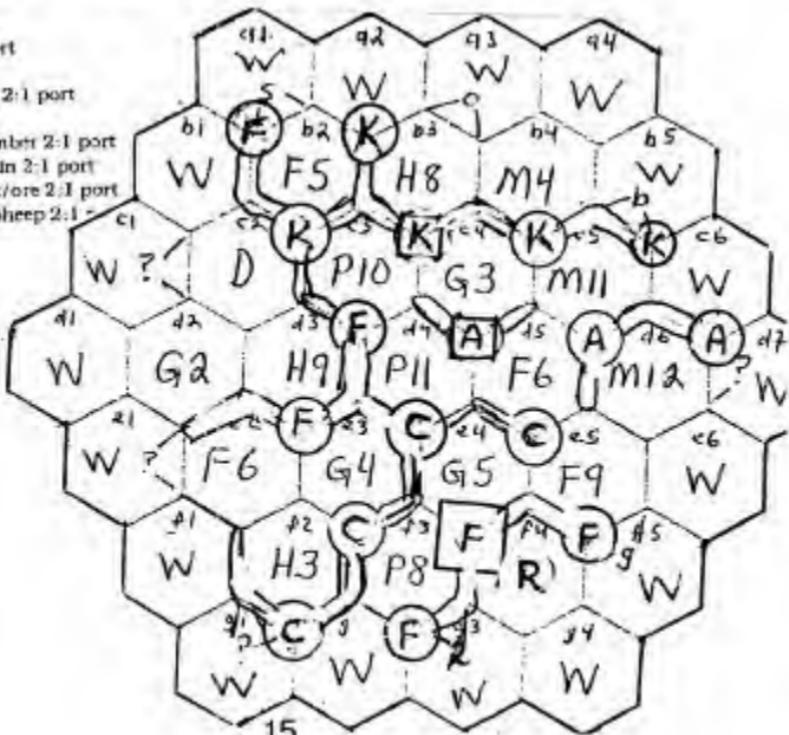
Player	Br	Gr	Lum	Ore	Wool	VP	Cards	Knights	Other
Fisher	0	0	1	0	3	7	1	0	
Kanane	2	0	0	0	1	6	2	2	
Copeland	0	1	1	2	0	6	1	0	Rond(8)
Deb A	0	1	2	0	2	6	1	3	Army

Die Rollen Turn 16.1 to 17.1:

Fisher: 8 Kanne: 7 Copeland: 4 Deb A: 8 Fisher: 10

LEGEND:

7	generic 3:1 port
#	dice number
H/b	hill hex/brick 2:1 port
D	desert hex
F/l	forest hex/lumber 2:1 port
G/g	grain hex/grain 2:1 port
M/o	mountain hex/ore 2:1 port
P/s	pasture hex/sheep 2:1 -
R	robber
W	water tile





ATRENS

EPOCHS V & VI



The Cast

Dave Anderson: Orange
Mike Fisher: Purple

Laird Khoz: Red
Wayne Morrison: Ebony

Kevin Wilson: Green
James Kanne: Azure

THE BOARD:

AI: LT(Ac), UNic,f; **AV:** Ein, Mel(2); **EV:** Alb(RM), BSb, CEu(C,AM), CMa, NAp, NGa(c), SAp(OM).
EI: App, PSb, WAn(2); **EIV:** Dan; **EV:** GaD(EM), Irr, Mal, Sam.
GI: CAm(2,C), Cey, EGH; **GII:** Goli, R.
OI: PSD; **OII:** Hig(f,c); **OIII:** EAn(2), GPC(c,OM), Heik (C,f), Pn, SiK, WGa, WGr; **OIV:** EDe(c), WDe, WSlt(2); **OV:** Lib, Shalc.
PI: Yell(3,C,f); **PII:** SiR(2); **PIV:** Ara(C,PM), GeV, Lev, LIn(GM), MT(c), Ni(RM), Pal, UT(,PM), Zag(c,AM); **PV:** Ire, LRh(2), Pyr, Sea, Win.
RI: Con, Mad, Nub(2); **RIV:** Ball(3,C,f), Cre, Dal, Mort(2,I,EM); **RV:** Che, Hin, PPl(RM), Sze(c, RM), Tar, Tur, UIn(GM), Wei, Yun(c,AM).
Seas: AtIP, Bla(E), BoBG, EMS(R), Nth(P), Red(P), SCSI(E), SoJ(O), WMS(2O)

SCORE: E(27), RI(39), G(43+1), O(50), PI(68), A(70)

EPOCH V (continued):

Mongols (Q): Bid 26. Play "Fanaticism". Play 1A @ Mon, Man, 2A @ GPC (2,5,1:4,2; 5,5,4:5,4 -1GV, -1OIII,c); 1A @ Yan (5,5,2:1 -1RV,c), ESt, Tur (5,5,3:5 -1RV), 4A @ Hin (3,1:6,3; 5,5,3:6,4; 2,5,1:4,1; 6,5,1:6,5 -3GV, -1RV), 2A @ UIn (3,5,3:6; 4,5,1:3 -1GV, -1RV), 1A @ Lin (5,5,1:5 -1PVI, 1F @ SoJ (5,5,4:4 -1OF), 1A @ PPI (4,5,2:4 -1RV), Zag (6,5,1:1 -1PVI, -c), Che (6,5,5,4 -1RV,+GM), NEP, BSb (3,5,2:5 -1GV). VP = 43 - 26 + C(1x2) + c(1) + M(3x2 + 4) + Si(2) + Mid E(P=2) + China(P=3) + India(D=6) + Eurasia(D=2) + N Amer(P=1) = 46.

SCORE: E(27), RI(39), G(46), O(50), PI(68), A(70)

EPOCH VI:

Orange To Green - You really needed to clean out that nest of vipers in Yellow river as it is going to come back to bite you and he is still in India too.

Kings (Q): Bid 16. Play "Black Death" in N Europe [Alb(3), BSb(4), CEu(4), Dan(1, -1EV), Hig(3), Ire(6), LRh(1,A -1PV), NGa(1 -1AV), Sea(2), WGa(1 -1OIII)] & S Europe [Bal(3,6), CMa(3), Cre(2), Dal(3), Mor(3,6), NAp(6), Pn(1 -1OIII), Pyr(3), SAp(5), SiB(1,1 -2PI)]. Play "Pirates" @ Car. Play 1A,C @ Che (1GV r-Yan), 1A @ SiK (5,2:3 -1OIII), Sze (6,2:1 -1RC, -c), 2F @ SCS (4,1:6; 4,1:3 -1GF, -1EF), 1A, GM @ Mal (5,4:3,1 -1EV), 2A @ Sun (4,1:6,3; 4,4:3,1 -1GVI, -1EV), 1A @ Ein (5,2:4,4 -1AIV), GaD (6,4:6,2; 6,2:6,2; 4,3:6,1 -1GVI). VP = 45 - 16 + C(2x2) + c(1) + M(2x1 + 5) + Si(4) + Mid E(P=2) + China(D=6) + Ind(D=6) + SE Asia(D=4) + Eurasia(D=2) + N Amer(P=1) + SS Afr(P=1) = 74.

Tatars: No show.

Incas & Aztecs (E): Bid 6. Play 1A,C @ NIn, Mex, ...

SCORE: E(27-6+), RI(39+), O(50+), PI(68+L A(70+)), G(74)

Due soonest are orders for the Incas & Aztecs. I already have provisional orders for the Ottomans on hand.

THE BOARD:

A1: LT(k), UN(lc,l); **AIV:** Mek(2); **AV:** AIm(RM), BSb, CEu(C,AM), CMa, NAp, SAplOM).

E1: App, PSb, WArt2; **EV:** Gad(EM), Irr; **EVI:** Mex(Cl), NIn(Cl), ...

GI: CAm(2,C), Cey, BGh; **GII:** Golic(l); **GV:** Es, Hin, Lin(GM), Mar, Mon, NEP, PPERM), Tur,

UIn(GM), Yan(2,AM), Zagi(AM); **GVI:** CheC, GM), Els, GPClOM), Malt(GM), SiK, Sum, Sze(RM),

OI: PSD; **OII:** Hig(f,c); **OIII:** EAn(2), Hok (C,f), WGb; **OIV:** EDe(c), WDe, WSt(2); **OW:** Lib, Shal).

PI: Yel(3,C,f); **PIV:** Aral(C,PM), GaV, Lev, MT(c), NII(RM), Pal, UTII(PM); **PV:** Ire, LRh, Pyr, Sea,

WIn.

RI: Con, Mad, Nutb(2); **RIV:** Bel(3,C,f), Cre, Dal, Mon(2,f,EM); **RV:** Tar, Wei.

Seas: Ad(P), Bla(E), BoB(G), Car(G1), EMSIR), Nth(P), Red(P), SCS(G1, SoG(G1), WMS(2,O)

Unowned: NGalc

Map posted at: <http://hometown.aol.com/mstner/maps/Atreus.gif>

—"Boris XVI" (continued from p 2)

Germany to Italy - You want some frog legs with that wine????

T-A: Please stop spreading false rumors, speculation, and propaganda. I have never entered into closed-door communications with you... as you imply concerning GRE and BUL. All my negotiations without exception, have been open and public for others to witness.

T-R: The Turkish government sends its regrets for the necessity of the latest moves. In the midst of the current world tensions and hostilities, we must act quickly to set up a line of defense to secure our borders against the wrongful intentions of others outside of the R/T perimeter. These dire measures are intended as temporary in nature. Hopefully, they will not be seen as a breach of trust and will allow us to soon work together again against outside dangers.

T-E: Hello, my friend. If you have influence with the Austrasia, help them realize that their bombastic oratory fuels the fires of chaos and discord. No one can be sure where an explosion's fragments may fall.

T-G/E/F: Greetings. In such trying times, we still have hope that we can be of future assistance to your peaceful efforts.



ON DECK



1830: R Fisher, Zieske, Copeland, Zedda, Hanna

1836: Hanna

1856: Hanna

1870: Zieske, Hanna

AGE OF RENAISSANCE: Hanna

AIR BARON: R Fisher, Copeland, Zedda

BRITANNIA: Dave A. Hanna, Butitta, Wilson, Boyum (awaiting end of Devon or Egbert)

CIRCUS IMPERIUM: O'Hara

COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: O'Hara, Copeland

DIPLOMACY: Fisher, Shacklett, Zedda

DUNE: Dave A., R Fisher, K Wilson, Butitta, O'Hara; need 1-4 more

GLADIATOR: O'Hara

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher, O'Hara; need 3 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Zedda

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A., Hanna

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett, O'Hara

KREMLIN: Zedda, Scott

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A., O'Hara

MAHARAJA: Hanna

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A.

MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA: Butitta, TJ Klausutis(?)

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: O'Hara, Scott

SETTLERS OF CATAN: Goz, K Wilson, Copeland

SILVERTON: Zieske, Deb A.

TITAN: Khars, A & J Bargender, York, (Webb), O'Hara; need 1 or 2 more

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A., O'Hara

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"Kurzon Dax": We have four applicants, others apply soonest.

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